GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - Department of Tribal Welfare- Allegation of diversion of B.C. Welfare Scholarship funds and misappropriation of Government funds by the officials of B.C. Welfare, Social Welfare & Tribal Welfare Department - Initiation of Departmental Proceedings against Sri G. Vasudeva Rao, the then Honorary Director (now retired), Spl. Post Metric Tribal Welfare Boys Hostel, Srikakulam under Rule 24 read with Rule 20 of A.P.Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991- Articles of Charges – Orders – Issued.

DEPARTMENT OF TRIBAL WELFARE (SERVICES)

G.O.RT.No. 170 **Dated: 03-12-2024**

Read

Letter received from the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Vijayawada, Letter Rc No.95/RCO-VSK/2016-S.12, dated 26.08.2021.

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O R D E R :

It is proposed to hold a detailed enquiry against Sri G. Vasudeva Rao, the then Honorary Director (now retired), Spl. Post Metric Tribal Welfare Boys Hostel, Srikakulam in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Service (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct of misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charges (Annexure—I). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure– II, III, & IV).

3. Sri G. Vasudeva Rao, the then Honorary Director (now retired), Spl. Post Metric Tribal Welfare Boys Hostel, Srikakulam is directed to submit a written statement of his defense within (10) days from the receipt of this order.

4. Sri G. Vasudeva Rao, the then Honorary Director (now retired), Spl. Post Metric Tribal Welfare Boys Hostel, Srikakulam is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those article of charge as are not admitted. He should, therefore specifically admit or deny each article of charges.

5. Sri G. Vasudeva Rao, the then Honorary Director (now retired), Spl. Post Metric Tribal Welfare Boys Hostel, Srikakulam is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defense on or before the date specified in para (3) above, further action will be processed based on the material available.

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6. The attention of Sri G. Vasudeva Rao, the then Honorary Director (now retired), Spl. Post Metric Tribal Welfare Boys Hostel, Srikakulam invited to Rule 24 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matter pertaining to this service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings, it will be presumed that Sri G. Vasudeva Rao, the then Honorary Director (now retired), Spl. Post Metric Tribal Welfare Boys Hostel, Srikakulam is aware of such representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against his for violation of Rule 24 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The Receipt of the order may be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

K.KANNA BABU
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To

Sri G.Vasudeva Rao, the then Honorary Director (now retired),
Spl. Post Metric Tribal Welfare Boys Hostel, Srikakulam
(*through* the Director of Tribal Welfare, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada)

The Director of Tribal Welfare, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
(with a request to serve the same and furnish the duplicate copy with the acknowledgement of the individual officer (with registered post/ acknowledgement due)

The Deputy Director, Srikakulam (with a request to serve the same and furnish the duplicate copy with the acknowledgement of the individual officer. If failed to serve this AOC to the individual in time, disciplinary action will be taken on the concerned)

Copy to:

The Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau.
The A.P.Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi.
The P.S. to Minister for Tribal Welfare.
The P.S. to Secretary to Government (TW).
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Section Officer

ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI GONE VASUDEVA RAO (RETIRED), S/o. LATE CHINNAPPADU, AGED 60 YEARS, HONORARY DIRECTOR, SPECIAL POST METRIC TRIBAL BOYS HOSTEL SRIKAKULAM

That Sri Gone Vasudeva Rao, S/o Late Chinnappadu, joined as Government Servant in Education Department as Secondary Grade Teacher on 30.12.1989 and worked as Honorary Director, Special Post Metric Tribal Boys Hostel, Srikakulam from 01.08.2013 to 06.08.2015 and he retired from the service on attaining the age of superannuation on 30.04.2021. While working as such, he committed the following grave misconduct in as much as:-

CHARGE:-

That the Retired Employee Sri Gone Vasudeva Rao, S/o Late Chinnappadu while working as Honorary Director, Spl. Post Metric Tribal Welfare Boys Hostel, Srikakulam an amount of Rs.40,950/- for (05) students was credited into his hostel account 1152304027 of SBI, Srikakulam from District B.C. Welfare Department, Srikakulam, though no B.C. students were accommodated in his hostel and he withdrew the amount, and he did not intimate any of the above credit of B.C. scholarship amount into his hostel account to his higher officials. After knowing the issue he deposited the said amount to the Govt. Head of account through challan Nos. 1) 4175 for Rs.7,350/- 2) 4176 for Rs.17,850/- 3) 4178 for Rs.10,500/- and 4) 4180 for Rs.5,250/- dated 09.05.2016**.**

Thus Sri Gone Vasudeva Rao, S/o Late Chinnappadu by his above mentioned acts exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty, failed to maintain integrity, behaved in a manner unbecoming of Government servant and brought down the prestige of the Government and thereby violated the Rule 3 (1) & 3 (2) of A.P.C.S. (Conduct) Rules, 1964 r/w Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI GONE VASUDEVA RAO (RETD.), S/o LATE CHINNAPPADU, AGED 60 YEARS, HONORARY DIRECTOR, SPECIAL POST METRIC TRIBAL BOYS HOSTEL, SRIKAKULAM

That Sri Gone Vasudeva Rao, S/o Late Chinnappadu, joined as Government Servant in Education Department as Secondary Grade Teacher on 30.12.1989 and worked as Honorary Director, Special Post Metric Tribal Boys Hostel, Srikakulam from 01.08.2013 to 06.08.2015. His date of birth is 05.04.1961. He retired from the service on 30.04.2021. Here after called as Retired Employee.

CHARGE:-

That the Retired Employee while working as Honorary Director, Spl. Post Metric Tribal Welfare Boys Hostel, Srikakulam an amount of Rs.40,950/- for (05) students was credited into his hostel account 1152304027 of S.B.I., Srikakulam from District B.C. Welfare Department, Srikakulam, though no B.C. students were accommodated in his hostel and withdrew the amount. He did not intimate any of the above credit of B.C. scholarship amount into his hostel account to his higher officials. After knowing the issue he deposited the said amount to the Govt. Head of account through challan Nos. 1) 4175 for Rs.7,350/- 2) 4176 for Rs.17,850/- 3) 4178 for Rs.10,500/- and 4) 4180 for Rs.5,250/- dated 09.05.2016.

FACTS AND EVIDENCE:-

Basing on the allegations of diversion of scholarship funds of B.C. Welfare Department into the banks accounts of Tribal Welfare Hostels in Srikakulam District, the D.S.P., A.C.B., Srikakulam Range inquired into the allegations and submitted a report to the Director General, A.C.B., A.P., Hyderabad requesting to accord permission to conduct a regular enquiry. As per the instructions of the D.G., A.C.B., the D.S.P. conducted a Regular Enquiry and submitted an enquiry report requesting to accord permission to register a case of Criminal mis-conduct against the officials of B.C.Welfare Department and Tribal Welfare Department of Srikakulam District. As per the instructions of D.G., A.C.B. a case in Crime No.02/RCO-ACB/SKL/2016 U/s 13 (1) (c) and 13 (1) (d) r/w 13 (2) and 15 of P.C. Act, 1988 and Sections 65 & 66 of IT. Act, 2000 r/w 120 (b) of IPC of ACB, Srikakulam Range was registered on 25.05.2016.

During the course of investigation, proceedings were obtained from the D.B.C.W.O., Srikakulam and from the Dy. Director, Treasuries, Srikakulam and on verification of the said proceedings, it is identified that during the tenure of the Government Servant as Hostel Welfare Officer, G.T.W.B.H., Srikakulam, an amount of Rs.40,950/- was credited into the hostel bank account (GTWBH, Srikakulam) No. 11152304027 of SBI, Srikakulam through proceedings No.013FMC0131400102, Dt.16.12.2014, 013FMN0141400102, Dt.31.03.2015 & 013RMN0141400101, Dt.31.03.2015 from District B.C. Welfare Office,

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Srikakulam for (5) students though they were not accommodated in his hostel. He failed to verify from where the amount was credited into his hostel bank account and withdrew the same without informed to his higher officials and after knowing the issue he returned the amount of Rs.40,950/- to Govt. Head of Account through challan Nos. 1) 4175 for Rs.7,350/- 2) 4176 for Rs.17,850/- 3) 4178 for Rs.10,500/- and 4) 4180 for Rs.5,250/- dated 09.05.2016.

The Asst. General Manager, SBI, Srikakulam furnished the Bank Account statement of 11152304027 for the said period and on verification of the said account it is noticed that the said amount was credited in the said account.

Thus, the Retired Employee Sri Gone Vasudeva Rao, S/o Late Chinnappadu by his above mentioned acts exhibited lack of devotion to duty, failed to maintain integrity, behaved in a manner unbecoming of Government servant and brought down the prestige of the Government and thereby violated the Rule 3(1) & 3(2) of A.P.C.S. (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Thus, the Retired Employee Sri G.Vasudeva Rao, S/o Late Chinnappadu has rendered himself liable for departmental action under Rule 3(1) & 3(2) of A.P.C.S. (Conduct) Rules, 1964 R/w Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF WITNESSES:

The following oral evidence is available on record:

1. Sri K.S.V.V.R.Dhanunjaya Rao, D.B.C.W.O (FAC), Deputy Director, Social Welfare, Srikakulam

He stated that he furnished the original office proceedings of scholarship which were downloaded from the E-Pass web portal of the District BC Welfare Office, Srikakulam to the investigating agency and etc.facts.

2. Dy. Director, District Treasury, Srikakulam.

He/she speaks about furnishing the original bills submitted by the District B.C. Welfare Office, Srikakulam for claiming scholarship amounts to the ACB officials etc., facts.

3. Asst. General Manager, State Bank of India, Srikakulam.

He speaks about furnishing the bank account statement of Spl. Post Metric Hostel for ST Boys, Srikakulam (11152304027) and etc., facts.

4. Sri P.Srinivasa Rao, Inspector of Police, ACB, Srikakulam Range, now working as Inspector of Police, Rajam P.S. Srikakulam District.

He speaks about registration of the case on 25.05.2016, conducting investigation of and etc., facts.

Any further evidence is necessary, will be produced at the time of enquiry.

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ANNEXURE-IV

DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE:

The following documentary evidence is available on record:

1. Copy of FIR along with occurrence report.

It proves the receipt of instructions to register a case, registration of the case etc, facts.

2. Copy of bills produced by the District Treasury, Srikakulam vide Proceedings of 13FMC0131400102, 013FMN0141400102 and 013RMN0141400101 of DBCWO, Srikakulam.

It clearly shows that an amount of Rs.40, 50/- for (05) students credited into the account No. 1152304027, S.B.I, Srikakulam of G.T.W.B.H., Srikakulam.

3. Copy of E-Pass proceedings submitted by the DBCWO, Srikakulam vide Proceedings of 13FMC0131400102, 013FMN0141400102 and 013RMN0141400101 of D.B.C.W.O., Srikakulam.

4. Copy of Letter of the Asst. General Manager, State Bank of India, Main Branch, Srikakulam along with copy of bank account statement of Spl. Post Metric Hostel for ST Boys, Srikakulam for A/c No.11152304027.

The bank account statement of the above account shows the credit of scholarship amounts from B.C. Welfare Department, Srikakulam.

5. Copy of Challan Nos. 1) 4175 for Rs.7,350/-, 2) 4176 for Rs.17,850/-, 3) 4178 for Rs.10,500/-, and 4) 4180 for Rs.5,250/- dated 09.05.2016 submitted by the retired employee.

Through this challanas an amount of Rs.40, 950/- was remitted to BC welfare Department by the retired employee.

6. Copy of Part-II statement of Sri K.S.V.V.R.Dhanunjaya Rao, D.B.C.W.O (FAC), Dy.Director, Social Welfare, Srikakulam.

Any further document is required, it will be produced at the time of enquiry.

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)